



Senate Update

This Week in the Senate

The Senate commences the 2nd session of the 110th Congress on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

**Note: The Senate did not recess at the conclusion of the 1st Session of the 110th Congress. Instead, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid scheduled pro forma sessions of the Senate. This rarely used Senate procedure is a method of ensuring the President does not make recess appointments.*

The Senate will begin consideration of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Amendments of 2007 (S. 1200) on Tuesday. This legislation was introduced by Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND) on April 24, 2007 and reported out of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on October 16, 2007.

**Note: The Congressional Budget Office estimates that implementing S. 1200 would "have discretionary costs of \$2.7 billion in 2008, about \$16 billion over the 2008-2012 period, and about \$35 billion over the 2008-2017 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. We also estimate that enacting the bill would increase direct spending by \$9 million in 2008, \$53 million over the 2008-2012 period, and \$129 million over the 2008-2017 period."*

The Senate may also consider the FISA Act Amendments of 2007 (S. 2248) this week.

**Note: The House passed the Responsible Electronic Surveillance That is Overseen, Reviewed, and Effective Act of 2007 (H.R. 3773) on November 15, 2007, by a vote of 227 to 189 ([Roll no. 1120](#)). ([Legislative Digest for H.R. 3773](#)).*

Key Hearings

January 22, 2008

The Senate Committee on Finance will hold a full committee hearing on Economic Stimulus with Congressional Budget Office Director Peter Orszag.

January 24, 2008

CBO Director Orszag will be the witness for the CBO Budget and Economic Outlook hearing in the Senate Committee on the Budget.